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PROPAGATION: April 9, Low Normal; April 10, Below Normal; April 11, High/Low Normal; April 12, High Normal; April 13, 14, Low Normal; April 15, High/Low Normal; April 16-19, High Normal; April 20, High/Low Normal; April 21, Below Normal; April 22, Low/Below Normal; April 23-25, Low Normal; April 26, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

MACAO/MALDIVES

A Japanese group will operate from the home of CR9BE April 11/12 and again April 25/26; their primary purpose is to activate Six Meters, but some HF activity will also take place on 14195, 21295 and 28495. JAIUT will be joined by JALSIM, JALPCY, JH1FVE, JH1KXJ and JR1SQU, with JALPCY and JH1FVE handling the HF chores. They will have a full-time beacon on 50.150 MHz and it is entirely possible they can be worked from the West Coast of the U.S.

Last month VELASJ worked Japan on Six Meters, but our local vhf expert and advisor advises it is probably too late for anything to materialize from CR9 to the East Coast or even the Midwest this late in the season.

While JAIUT and JALSIM are at Macao on the 25th and 26th, JH4RUG and others will proceed to the Maldives, where they will put on another 50.150 MHz beacon and operate Six Meters, as well as some HF bands. They will be there until May 2.

And finally, VU2ST has obtained special permission to transmit on 6 April 25-30.

QSL CR9BE to JAIUT; the Maldives QSLs (call unknown at this time) to JH4RUG.

EASTER ISLAND

Chod Harris, WA1SQB/CE0A, has returned from a month of digging on Easter Island; he found limited time for evening operating and made about 5,000 contacts. Chod says Father Dave Reddy's station is now in much better operating shape, thanks to the efforts of W4PRO and W4GSM, who were there earlier in March, and to Chod's work on Fr. Dave's antennas. Chod also hints that a couple of the locals may have licenses and be on the air from Easter in the not-too-distant future. A more detailed report will be forthcoming in a couple of weeks. Chod will be at the Visalia, California convention the first weekend of May with slides, etc.

KALGIN/MM

We didn't print this last week for fear it might be taken as an April Fool's joke: KALGIN, a woman, and a companion are traveling from Casablanca, Morocco, to the Caribbean, in a rowboat. They left Casablanca March 18 and were first worked on the 10 Meter novice band on March 24. The rig is a TR7 with solar cell power and a Hustler vertical antenna, and schedules are being kept with WLRVY on 28150 MHz Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 1415Z. Anyone contacting the boat is asked to contact Kurt Wilhelm, WLRVY, at 401-245-3224.

APRIL FOOL

Another DX publication had a small April Fool note in their recent issue and we have heard that some readers actually believed the story and are mad about it. Incredible! We have read the item and in no way is it believable.

Incidentally, QST magazine gave up having these April Fool articles about ten years ago, after getting flak from new readers who couldn't seem to tell when their legs were being pulled. We recall (and other graybeards will too) not only articles but also advertisements from such companies as the "Original Carton Company" and the Custom QSL Service (for whatever country you need a card from).

This year, QST is back in business with a nice write-up in the Product Review column on the new Profundo 10X microphone manufactured by Gargler, Inc.

IZARO ISLAND

A02HAM will be an expedition by EA2JG, EA2AFZ, EA2OP, EA2NF, EA2UV, and EA2ABD, April 16-19. Izaro Island is in Spain's Cantabric Sea, where the group will operate 160-10 Meters with a TR7/L7, FT-920, TS-830S and beams. QSLs to EA2OP.

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Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, and friends were going strong from Guinea Bissau last week, signing J5AG on all bands (Issue 84).

was heard to say there is some chance he may be able to fly to California for the Visalia gathering May 1-3. You will recall that Erik used to travel for the Swedish government and has activated a number of quite rare spots; he is now in private employment and does not have the travel opportunities he once had.

Other visitors expected at the International DX Convention in Visalia include GU4EON, 7Z2AP (maybe), OH2BH (who will fly up from the Caribbean) HV2VO, 9H1CH (an FOC'er), 5H3KS, SM5BDV, K6LPL, K5VT, W6KG, W6QL, and undoubtedly a number of Japanese.

DL7FT will also be at Visalia, as previously mentioned, but the information that he has in hand an Albanian license has been denied by Frank himself. He does hope to operate (again) from 2A sometime later this year.

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ZL1AMO is talking about operations later this year from Auckland Island and also from Kermadec. On Kermadec, Ron may bump into someone we have been in touch with recently, who is aiming for an operation from there this autumn.

Still looking for Cocos Island? VK9NYG can be found almost daily from about 1100Z on 28430; that part of the world has been coming through to the U.S. East Coast and Midwest from over the North Pole around 1200-1300Z. VK6NE handles Frank's QSL cards. VK9NYG called several lucky U.S. participants in the ARRL Phone DX Competition last month, as they were beaming toward Europe and Central Asia about 1300Z. Our guest operator here at The DX Bulletin Memorial Radio Station was not one of those lucky ones!

Speaking of Contests, ARRL's Assistant Communications Manager for Contests, Tom Frenaye, has tendered his resignation after about 3.5 years on the job; that seems to be about the average for persons in that position. No replacement is hinted at at this time.

And the latest issue of the National Contest Journal is now out, with some early contest scores and letters, editorials, etc. This publication has been done by volunteers for eight years now, and it is six times a year for only six dollars. Write Box 79252, Houston, TX 77024; you can pick up a sample copy at the Dayton Hamvention, while they last.

If you ever listen in on the Arabian Knights net on 14250 at 0500Z, you will be interested in the following information passed on by Zedan, JY3ZH: when they are calling only for the Arabian Knights, this

means only Arab stations, not those who try to check in with their Arabian Knights award numbers! Got that? They will tell you when it is OK to call in to work those rare JY, 9K2, OD, HZ, etc., stations.

INSIDE DOPE

ARRL will be getting a new General Manager sometime next spring, as present G.M. Dick Baldwin, W1RU has retired effective next June (1982). Those who do not think this is important to DXing are reminded that DXCC rules are affected by just who is G.M. (remember "Baldwin's Reef"?).

The latest Director's Letter indicates that Board President Harry Dannals, W2HD, "has designated the Management and Finance Committee to conduct the search for qualified candidates to serve as general manager for the League. Individuals are urged to communicate any thoughts they may have on the subject directly to Director Wangler, chairman of the M&F Committee for 1981."

The ARRL Presidency (of the Board) is a position filled by a Board member elected by the Board; it is a non-voting position on the Board. It requires much time and effort, not to mention dedication, and it is a non-paying position. The League's General Manager is an employee, answerable to the Board, and the position pays about 40K per year.

The Board's function in this matter is to appoint, after appropriate consideration, a new General Manager. What is fascinating is that the Board President (Dannals) is generally acknowledged to be interested in, and in the running for, the G.M. position.

There is at least one other highly qualified person in the running for G.M. What you and I, as DXers, want is a G.M. who is an operator, a DXer, a person sympathetic to our point of view. We may get it, or we may not. We'll keep you posted.

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Jim Smith, VK9NS, wrote about his try for Heard Island in March...the transportation was "off" due to the short weather window. He will be renewing his VKØJS license (which he has been using /9 lately) and he is still hoping for an operation this coming autumn. Jim had 256 donations to the "Heard Island DX Association" and they were acknowledged by receipt. He says other small (\$1) contributions were received, which have not been acknowledged, for obvious reasons.

VK9NS has opened a number of doors for future operations, be they by him or by someone else. He will keep trying.

He also confirms plans to accompany VK2BJL to Tokelau in May.

BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

<u>Low Bands</u>	OD5LX/7005/04E/30	VP2VHK/7002/03E/5	
A7XE/7006/00E/1	OY9J/7004/02E/2	VK4NIC/	
CN8CO/3778/06E/29	W1BIH/	3X/7092/05C/2	Please mail reports to reach Vernon by <u>Monday</u> .
KP4KK/	PJ2/7012/01E/1	4X4VL/3503/03E/3	
DU2/7007/12C/31	UA9FAR/7001/00E/30	6W8AR/3800/06E/29	
FP8HL/7015/03C/2	UD6DHC/7003/01E/1	9L1SG/7001/02E/31	
HP1XKR/3780/03E/29	UI8ADN/7004/01E/29	9X5AB/7002/04C/31	
JX9AR/7003/23E/1	UI8ADN/7003/01E/1		
<u>Africa</u>	J28CI/14021/04E/1	ZD7HH/21283/19C/30	VK4NIC/
CN8CO/21318/21E/29	S79MC/14208/12C/30	ZD7BW/21355/18C/31	3X/21300/01E/1
C5ADL/21278/23C/31	S79RD/21282/20C/29	3B8DB/14015/02C/1	5V7HL/21355/21E/5
C5ADL/21370/00E/1	S79RD/21280/22E/31	3B8CF/21028/18E/1	6W8BG/21321/23C/2
EA8QL/28583/00E/3	S79RD/21275/21E/2	VK4NIC/	8Q7AZ/14212/12E/1
EA9JE/21353/23E/29	TU4BA/14214/00E/1	3X/21356/18E/30	9G1RT/28505/13E/3
EL2AC/14209/23C/31	TU2JB/21043/15C/29	VK4NIC/	9X5AB/28567/20E/29
FR7AI/G/21300/18E/28	XT2AW/21007/19C/31	3X/21299/23C/31	
<u>Asia</u>	HS5AID/14034/12E/30	UI8LAC/14212/13E/30	VS6IC/28538/00E/3
AP2HA/14028/13E/29	HS1AMC/21015/14W/1	UI8FAI/28750/13E/7	VU2WTR/21015/19C/29
AP2MC/14033/13C/29	HZ1AB/28651/18E/5	UJ8SAO/14017/23E/1	VU2PAP/28023/12E/2
AP2MQ/14223/01C/1	OD5FB/14211/02C/30	UJ8JCQ/28750/13E/7	4S JS/21039/23E/4
A7XD/21295/23C/31	UF6QAD/14013/02E/2	UL7VBA/14020/01W/31	9K2DR/21309/20E/29
A7KD/21394/00E/1	UG6AI/14230/04C/30	UL7GBY/21010/16W/1	9M2FR/21345/00E/6
A7XD/21294/01E/1	UG6GAT/14003/14E/1	UMBMAX/14032/01C/1	9V3TL/14031/11E/1
HL9VC/14215/13C/30	UH8BZ/14026/03C/4	VS6JR/14026/10E/6	
<u>Elsewhere</u>	FO8EW/28026/21C/29	WA4EHS/	VR6TC/21350/01E/1
CP5HV/28840/17E/1	FP8AB/21308/19E/29	KH2/28595/02E/29	YB8AEG/14215/13C/30
CX3AL/28025/22C/29	FY7YE/14022/10W/28	KH3AB/14031/04E/2	YBØPG/14221/13C/30
C31IQ/21028/20C/31	HH2VP/14025/02C/1	KC6JC/14217/11E/3	YBØPG/14211/11E/3
K5FSS/	HKØBKK/28020/03C/29	MIC/14225/05C/30	YC2BSF/28597/18E/5
DU2/14215/13C/30	J1LKUL/	MIC/14216/02E/4	4U1UN/14027/13C/2
W1DV/	JD1/14020/13C/29	P29GC/14215/13E/1	5K4LRM/28503/19W/29
DU2/14025/13C/31	J73PS/21291/01E/2	T1ØHE/28570/20W/29	8P6PF/28540/19W/29
W3WYP/	WA4EHS/	T4ØA/21026/00W/29	9H1FZ/21312/20E/3
DU2/14210/13E/30	KH2/14207/13E/31	VK9NL/14034/12E/1	
DU1NER/28537/00E/1	AH2E/14008/13E/1	VK9NL/14203/11C/3	
FK8DR/14209/10E/4	AH2G/14027/12E/1	VKØJS/Ø/14202/11E/3	
<u>RTTY</u>	OX3PT/14090/11C/27	VP1RY/14089/12C/27	YS2MFI/14087/12C/27
FP8DF/14092/12C/28	PJ3SF/14087/13C/27		

The DX Bulletin has been publishing for twenty moons. In that period of time, 291 DXCC countries have been active and workable on the air, according to our unofficial calculations. The countries which have not been available since August, 1979, are:

A6X BY C9 CEØX FB8W FO8C HKØM
KS4N KP4D KS4S.B. PYØ P/P VE1Sable
VK9M VKØH VP8 S. Ga VS9K VU7/A
VU7/L XU XV XW XZ ZA Z1/K 1S 3Y
and 70

That's only 27 countries not on in the past twenty months, out of 318 possible active DXCC entities. Your editor has been a ham twenty years, a DXer (on and off) for 15, and yet he has only 300 of the 318.

CW DXCC started on January 1, 1975, and is a good indication of what could have been worked since then, assuming that almost anybody can be coerced into a CW exchange... #9KNI leads the CW pack with 305 out of 318, followed by K2TQC at 304 and four more DXers over 300 on CW.

What's the point? That everything is relative, as Mr. Einstein said. Our guest operator last month worked 116 DXCC countries in one weekend on one band and one mode; if one operates a major phone contest on all bands with the intention of working as many DXCC entities as possible, one can easily put as many as 150 into the log in two days' time.

As for 5 Band DXCC, a concerted effort in one weekend of phone operating can finish the job on 10, 15, and 20 Meters, with about half the hundred on 40 and 80 Meters. Then a follow up weekend on CW can just about put one over the hump on 40 and 80.

We will be sending out the 1981 Countries needed survey sheet in about two weeks; it is almost a foregone conclusion what the top 20 or so will be (see left-hand column); what we need is a concerted effort to get those places on the air, with real hams, no lists, no nets, no school bus riders. Give us a decent transceiver with R.I.T., a vertical, 48 hours on CW on two bands, and enough time to publicize our operation via The DX Bulletin, and everyone who wants a new one (maybe the last one) will be worked.

CALENDAR

Tunisia or Andamans		By JA8BMK and Friends, first of April; Issues 83 and 84
Macao	CR9BE	Apr. 11-12; this issue
Palmyra	KH5	Apr. 15-20 by ADØS and KB7NW; Issues 77, 82 and 83
ARRL	CD Party	Open CW, April 11-12
Tokelau	ZM7TT	By 4Z4TT early April; Issue 83
Mauritius	ZS6AF/3B8	Apr. 9-15; Issue 83
Togo	5V7	Apr. 12-18 by K4YT; Issue 77
Benin	TY	Apr. 19-25 by K4YT; Issue 77
Kingman Reef	KH5K	Apr. 22-26; Issues 77, 82 and 83
Convention	Int'l DX	Visalia, CA May 1-3
Benin		May 6-13 by DJ2BW and DL8DC; Issue 84
Contest	CQ WPX	CW, May 30-31
LeichtensteIn	DALWA/LX;	May 23-31; details later
Visitors' Day	At W6AM	June 20; details later
Market Reef	OJØ	July 6 for one week; Issue 75

THANKS TO...

VK9NS, VE1BNN, WB9YXY, KP4EQF, K4NV, K6SSJ, EA2JG, W4LYTC, W4LSQB, WØLHS, WA4YCI, WB6ZUC, W4VQ, WA7IBH, N9KW, W1VV, WD5AAM, HPLJC, W4LCL, KA3R, K3ND, W1VH, W8UVZ, KB4BU, WØBW, WBØQOV, W1WEP, K1ZZ, K8IA, K6IR, K5BLV, W7YF, WB8ZRL, K2UFM, KALKD, N4DSH, K6UD, W9OBF, N4BKN, K6VOQ

PROPAGATION Thanks KH6BZF

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
3/17	176	16	3
3/18	174	17	3
3/19	169	10	4
3/20	177	10	2
3/21	183	5	2
3/22	184	7	2
2/23	189	5	2
3/24	185	4	1
3/25	200	29	5
3/26	204	22	4
3/27	198	19	3
3/28	204	16	2
3/29	215	17	4

We have mentioned that the government of S. Sudan was not particularly pleased by the QSL card for 6TLYP; recently Africa News published figures for African refugees in various countries:

Somalia	1.5 million
Sudan	490,000
Zaire	400,000
Cameroun	266,000
Burundi	234,000
Tanzania	140,000
Uganda	112,000
Nigeria	110,000

These are figures for people who have fled their own countries for refuge in the countries named above.